

REMARKS

In the Official Letter, the Examiner subjected Claims 1-18 to an election, requiring the Applicants to make an election to continue with the prosecution of one of two species, namely:

Group I., as claimed in Claims 1-12.

Group II., as claimed in Claims 13-18.

In response to the election requirement, the Applicants hereby elect the species of Group II, Claims 13-18. The election is made without traverse.

In addition to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby preliminarily amend the application. Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Claim 13 has been amended Claim 13 to put the claim in proper form. New Claims 19-22 have been added to claim additional features of the invention. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice thereof is respectfully requested.